

Mormon Trail Trek Seniors only, except for Seminary officers. This is an annual event sponsored by the District. We climbed the mountains near Echo canyon, and went to Salt Lake over the old Mormon Pioneer trail. In Salt Lake we had a guest speaker--President Ernest Eberhard, President of the Utah Mission. After ice cream we came home. about 30 Seniors involved

Magical Mime this was an excellent program, and very successful. We had to use the high school auditorium for this one--but we worked it out in connection with the English Department, so they were the actual ~~sponsors~~ sponsors and not us. It was a good activity, but a little risky--mixing church and school. No problems, and a good crowd--students and townspeople. probably about 400 people there.

Senior Banquet honoring all senior seminary students. Parents, church leaders, and special guests invited. We served about 300 people and had a program presented by the Keith Melville family of Provo. It was a good evening.

Movies: 5 different movies were held at various times throughout the year. They were all good, hollywood productions, and were well-attended. We charged 75¢ each, and about broke even each time, except that student fees paid for all the punch and popcorn served at the movies--much of the popcorn was donated by different period students.

#### FAITH\*PROMOTING ACTIVITIES:

Morningsides: Morningsides this year were very successful. We had some very good speakers and each class took turns bringing cookies for breakfast--along with milk or orange juice. We have had some of the BYU football and basketball players here (Gifford Nielson, Orrin Olsen, Doug Richards, from a few years ago fame, Jay Chessman, etc. The talks were all great--and well-attended for early morning events. Mostly we left it up to zone-leaders to get their zone members out, and most of them were rather serious about doing it right. At the last morningsides a local Doctor (Rhodes) and Sally Maynard a school attendance clerk spoke. Both of them were really good--and it was another great morning. We always held the morningsides at the church (3-7 Ward building) because it was larger and close to the high school.

#### Sacrament Meetings

Seminary students spoke as a group in ten different wards throughout the year. Some wards had us back two or three times. About 150-200 different students spoke or sang or played piano during year. We strongly encouraged students to not read talks, but speak from notes and the heart. That helped tremendously.

#### Testimony Meetings

These were held two or three times during the year, and were well-attended. At the conclusion, do-nuts and chocolate milk were served. They were always special, spiritual events; mainly because of the special feeling present.

### Missionary Oriented Activities

The Heber Seminary tries very hard to emphasize the value and importance of missionary work. Many interesting and rewarding experiences took place. One full week in the middle of the school year is called "Missionary Week". Each day during this week a guest speaker talked about missionary work. Monday, President Ernest Fberhard, the Utah Mission President spent the entire day, and talked about missionary work in Utah. ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday, Teresa Ellertson, a recently returned lady missionary from England spoke and presented the first discussion, and also spoke on the values of girls being missionaries. Wednesday President Robert F. Clyde spent the day here, and spoke on preparation for missionary service, and how to repent and get lives in order. Thursday, two missionaries from the Utah Mission spent the day here explaining to students how to approach non-member friends, and also talked about the rigors of missionary life. Each speaker had a wonderful attitude and a great testimony and spirit and the week was very worthwhile. On Friday, the Seminary teachers fielded questions from students, and had the students write up some evaluations of the week.

Before missionary week got started, the student officers went to the parents of missionaries throughout the entire valley, and collected pictures of missionaries now serving. A large map was placed on a bulletin board, and the pictures and addresses of the places where the missionaries are serving was posted on the board. Strings and pins added to the map, and it became an interesting display. There was a lot of student interest in this type of bulletin board. As a missionary returns home his picture is taken down. As new ones leave their pictures are added. Lots of high school students watch this board very closely.

The teachers worked up a plan for extra credit towards grades. If boys got acceptable missionary haircuts, or wore white shirts, ties, and dress slacks, or if girls wore missionary-length dresses (2 days per~~x~~ week for wearing missionary-type clothes) they received extra points. The students had to keep this up for the entire school term. Many did it for the school year. It worked out quite well--even got a write up about it in the church news.

Heber City now has two full-time missionaries. It really seems different. Lots of fellows signed up to go tracting with the Elders. They have some good. It is great to seem them working in this valley. They have been to Seminary several times, and are getting well acquainted with the non-member students, as well as their parents.

Heber Seminary serves two stakes, and 13 wards:

The stake president for the Heber Stake is President Reed Ford.  
The stake president for the Heber East Stake is President Robert F. Clyde .

It was a good year in Seminary. All top honors at the high school went to Seminary students and leaders. Many excellent scholarships were awarded--more to BYU than anywhere else. The officers of the Seminary did a good ~~any~~ job, and the teachers really feel the support of the stake leaders.

The Seminary graduation was very special. 104 students received either a 4 year graduation diploma, or a certificate of achievement. Brother George Durrant, a regional representative of the twelve, and a recently returned mission president was the guest speaker. The students were very impressed. The whole program went well, and there was a good feeling present.

There was 89 4 year graduates; and 15 certificates of acheivement.

*Bill Hull*  
Bill Hull, Principal

## ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT

Heber Sr. Seminary 1976-77

Heber Senior Seminary is located at 180 E. 600 So. Heber, Utah. The Seminary serves 2 stakes--Heber, Utah; and Heber Utah East. It includes students from 13 wards, who are in grades 10, 11, and 12. Heber Seminary is located next to Wasatch County High School.

Principal: William L. Hull, Jr.

Teacher : Douglas Wangsgard

(Dennis Campbell, teacher at the Jr. Seminary taught one early morning class for the Senior Seminary)

Seminary Officers: President-Ray Rasband

Vice President- Jane Probst (Leadership)

Vice President- Laurie Richardson (Activities)

Other officers, working under the direction of the

Seminary Officers: Head Zone Leaders from each class.

### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

Opening Social All of the students met in Midway Town Park, where we raced in wheelbarrows, pushed Volkswagons, had pillow fights, ate bananas as fast as we could (peeling them with boxing gloves on) chased a greased pig around the lawn, and finally ate a delicious supper of fried chicken, home made rootbeer, and all the extras that teen agers love. Everyone had all they could eat. By the time the evening ended, everyone was tired, full of good food, and ready to go home. About 250 students were involved in this social.

Mormon Trail Trek Seniors only, this annual event is sponsored by the District. We climbed the mountains near Echo Canyon, had breakfast at Henefer Ward, played ball in Henefer Park, traveled by car\* towards Big Mountain, hiked from Mormon Flat to the Big Mountain summit, traveled by car back to Heber City, by way of East Canyon into Parley's Canyon. This activity started at 6:00 in the morning. It was an exhausting day. Altogether about 40 Students participated.

Mention should be made of Laraine Zenger and Luis Nelson who were in charge of Seminary building publicity. In an effort to promote Mormon Trail Trek they had a grave with a headstone in the Seminary Foyer, complete with Aspen trees, rocks, sagebrush, etc. It was very effective. They also displayed a store dummy, dressed in a "too small" suit holding a Book of Mormon, preaching the gospel. He was standing next to an old spinning wheel, an old trunk, and a homemade rug was underneath a rocking chair. The idea was "Missionary work went on, even though the Mormons moved west." What a great job Laraine and Luis did in promoting Seminary activities.

Project Share The Seminary collected \$950.00, almost double the amount that was collected in the previous year. The money (combined with the rest of the Seminary district) amounted to over \$16,000, and was sent through the Seminary Department to Seminary personnel in poverty stricken countries to help them establish Seminary there, and to aid them in the purchase of some desperately needed teaching materials. All money was raised by student pledges, no special competitions were held, no fund-raising activities, nothing but promotion, and appeal to students for help. We did have a few guest speakers (returned missionaries from South American countries, and others to help us in the promotions.)

S-Day S-Day was held in Bountiful again this year. The date was Feb. 26. Heber Seminary hired four buses and transported about 140 students to Valley Music Hall where they were highly entertained and spiritually fed. Brother George Durrant was the speaker, and he was really super. Afterwards, the "Like Unto Us" musical group entertained for 2 hours. This was a special day. We traveled to Sugarhouse for a late lunch, and back to Heber late in the afternoon, arriving home in a real snow storm.

Stake Scripture Activity Night This annual event was held on April 17 at the Heber Stake Center. The event involved about 150 students from grades 9, 10, 11, 12. It consisted of scripture chase in which students found scriptures that applied to a given situation, and scripture study, a test that probed the students knowledge of factual material in the scriptures. On April 21 the students who had qualified on the local level went to Kamas for the District Scripture Activity. (Actually, many who qualified locally didn't go to Kamas because of other commitments). We took 60 students. At that activity the students did not compete against each other--only against a given standard, and themselves. It was a fun evening, but very tiring. The Heber Seminary had more students participate and more qualify as Scriptorians than any other Seminary involved.

Missionary-Marriage Week. These events were held April 14-19 and it was a great week to be a student in Seminary in Heber. The purpose was to promote missionary work in a positive way, encourage Celestial-type dating, and Temple marriage. The speakers were Ned Winder, of the Church Missionary Committee. He is the public relations chairman, and executive secretary of that committee, and did a super job of discussing how missionarys are called, some of the little problems he runs into, etc. Another speaker was Harold Reynolds of the Church Social Service Department, who spoke on problems faced by married couples. He is a professional marriage counselor, and deals with these problems daily. He did a good job, and was very helpful. Another special day was the day when a panel of married ladies in the community fielded questions from students in relation to dating, and marriage problems. This turned out to be one of the most successful lessons I have ever seen on marriage preparation.

Senior Banquet This "honor evening" was held on April 22, at the Heber Third-Seventh Ward Building. Parents, church leaders, Senior Seminary students, and special guests were invited. We served about 200 people and had an excellent program sponsored by the University of Utah Institute Folk Dancers. They were really special. (The meal was good too). It was a good evening, for everyone but the Seminary teachers. For them it was a ragged, tiring, and hard night. By tradition the Juniors get together and do the dishes and clean up after the banquet. They deserve a special thanks for their work.

Seminary Movies These were held three or four times, sponsored by the Seminary to promote fun and fellowship. The small charge was to offset the cost of the movie. Each movie held was on a "break even" basis. The Seminary always furnished the free popcorn and free drinks. Movies held this year were: How the West Was Won, Charley and the Angel (A Walt Disney), The Mouse That Roared, and The Robe. In addition to these evening movies, two films were shown during classtime. They were The Greatest Story Ever Told, shown at Christmas time, and Quo Vadis, shown at Easter Time.

Closing Social This was held May 12 at the Charleston Park. The officers were in charge of games. It was a cold, windy day, but about 145 people showed up. It was a good affair. A supper of fried chicken, salads, home made root beer, brownies, and rolls made the meal complete. Students stayed

until way after dark playing softball, volleyball, busting balloons, and several other things. The most popular part of the whole evening was an unplanned water fight. It would have been just perfect, except the weather was too cold. A tug of war across a huge mudhole was a lot of fun, but after a while it got out of hand a little. Kids that really did not want to get thrown in--did. I guess I kind of ruined the party--when they threw me in. I wasn't very good-natured about it. As I have thought it over since then I acted rather badly in that scene. I should have just swallowed my pride, went along with the joke, laughed it off, and not let the party end on a sour note. I will be a little wiser, and a bit more humble next time.

#### FAITH-PROMOTING ACTIVITIES

Firesides and Morningsides It seems that most of the planned morningsides for this past year turned out to be firesides. These were under the direction of Laurie Richardson. The first morningside was in September. It featured the missionaries, and Luis Nelson, a foreight exchange student. This morningside was held on a Wednesday. Luis had been baptized the evening before--a Tuesday. It was a spiritual treat. On November 11th Ardith Kapp of the General Presidency of the Young Women's program of the church spoke at a fireside. Her talk was along the same lines as her featured article in the New Era magazine of August, 1976; namely, how young girls could prepare young men to be missionaries. She was an outstanding speaker, and presented her message in an enjoyable manner. On December 12, Brent Meeks, a hockey player for the Salt Lake Golden Eagles and his wife, talked about their conversion to the Gospel and the effects it had upon their lives. On March 15, Susan Messick spoke to us about her experiences with the Los Angeles Sherrifs office, and how it strengthened her testimony. All morningsides were held at the Heber 3-7 ward building because it is large enough, and it is close to the schools so students can walk without being late for class.

Sacrament Meetings Throughout the year the Seminary put on Sacrament meetings for individual wards under the direction of Jane Probst. Approximately 5-6 speakers and a musical number or two were presented for each program. This year programs went to Charleston, Heber 4th, Heber 7th, Midway 2nd, Heber 5th (twice) Heber 2nd, Wallsburg, and Daniels. Lots of students got involved in helping with these programs. They are a very worthwhile item in the Seminary program. One regret: Since being called into Bishoprics, neither Brother Wangsgard or I are able to attend these programs with the students very often, and we miss hearing some of our own class students "surprise" us with their understanding and their testimony.

Testimony Meetings Only two testimony meetings were held this year, but both were very good. The first was held at Christmas time before school. The second was on Easter Morning at 6:30 A.M. The students who attended those meetings rally felt the spirit there. Sometimes they had to sacrifice to be there, but that's the way it always goes--those who sacrifice are always the ones who experience the greatest spiritual growth, and these are the ones who gain the Spirit of the Lord quickest.

Missionary Activity The Heber Seminary tries very hard to emphasize the value and importance of missionary work. Many interesting and rewarding experiences take place in the field of missionary work. This year three students have been baptized into the church. Hopefully, a few more will join during the next few years. The full time missionaries drop by the